

REMARKS

Claims 20 through 28 are currently pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 20-26 and 28 as set forth in item 1 at page 2 of the Office Action.

Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention, due to the use of the expression “and/or” in the text of that claim. In response to this ground of rejection, Applicants have reviewed and revised the language of Claim 27 in a manner which eliminates that expression. In addition, Applicants have reviewed and revised each of the remaining claims in order to improve the syntax and format, without, however, substantively modifying the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 27 is now clear and definite, and that all claims of record herein are now allowable.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056203.50959C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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